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Dessau

- On 15 March 1947 four hundred Sherman tanks passed through Dessau from the direction of Köthen and moved toward Rosslau. The next day two hundred more tanks of various types were observed coming from and going in the same direction. On 23 March 1947 a freight train of fifty to sixty cars loaded with trucks and automobiles remained in this city for two to three days.

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- Only two hundred Red Army troops remain in Dessau, and one hundred and twenty in Köthen.

The following is equipment which left Dessau by rail on the dates stated; among Soviet circles the destination of the equipment is thought to be the Balkans:

- 24 March: Four Anti-tank guns in new condition
- 25 March: Ammunition cases and anti-tank guns.
- 27 March: 27mm anti-tank guns and ammunition.
- 28 March: 27mm anti-tank guns and ammunition. (Thirty guns in all)
- 29 March: Forty-five 27 or 37mm anti-tank guns, new condition.

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Gommern

- Fourteen trucks and twelve 105mm guns on rubber tires were observed on the Gommern-Magdeburg road.

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Magdeburg

- One armored vehicle, thought to be a Pike was seen in the Engineers' Barracks at Magdeburg/Friedrichstadt.

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Mecklenburg

- The Orts- and Kreiskommandanturen are being dissolved. There are now only Bezirkskommandanturen such as those at Greifswald, Güstrow and Neustrelitz.

Stavenhagen

- There is no longer a komandatura in Stavenhagen and no official military office, but there remain, as elsewhere in Mecklenburg, so-called Kommandos -

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detachments of eight to ten men who specialize in various jobs - "Lade-kommandos", "Kuhkommandos", etc. The LVD remains with a strength of thirty to forty men. One hundred new recruits are expected in Stavenhagen. New recruits have already arrived in Schwerin and Güstrow. Kreis Malchin is to have one battalion.

Fürstenberg

7. Between Fürstenberg and Löwenberg fifteen T-34 tanks were observed which were, in most cases, towing rusty tanks that appeared to have been in the open all winter. They were traveling in the Eberswalde direction, possibly to be repaired in the Altmärkische Kettenwerke.

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Haile

8. The Artillery Barracks in Haile were evacuated of troops between 15 and 17 March 1947, personnel being moved eastward. The barracks were reoccupied the following week by motorized troops. Soviet troops in this city are said to be receiving a daily lecture lasting an hour on the nature and the conduct of the coming war with the West.

Fürstenberg/Oder

9. A dynamite depot is located outside this town, where explosives are stored in 25-pound canisters. Apprehended "line-crossers" are used as conscript labor and are threatened with deportation to Siberia if they mention the depot after their release. The Commanding Officer of the depot is Colonel Tackabepob (sic).

Wolfen

10. The following vehicle [redacted] noted on military transport outside the Tank Brigade Headquarters at August Bebelstr. 7, on several consecutive days in March:

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This tank brigade arrived from Rostock about Christmas 1946. On 21 March 1947 their tanks were being loaded on to railroad cars at a freight siding in Wolfen, and it appears that they are moving out again.

Mühlhausen

11. Red Army troops with heavy weapons, estimated at divisional strength, are stationed in this area, having arrived from the East.

Velten

12. Since 20 February 1947 the Soviet units stationed in this town have been leaving. Up to March 1947 approximately 6,000 troops were stationed there; now there are about 400, and it is expected that these will have left by mid-May. The komandatura has been split up, the larger part having gone to Nauen where the headquarters of all supply units in Mark Brandenburg is located (Zentrale der Nachschubeinheiten).
13. The various staffs which came to Velten from Mahlsdorf left in February 1947 for Dresden and Grlitz. Of the troops previously stationed there, engineers and railroad units have been transferred to Hungary and Southern Poland. Now has been indicated as one of the places to which these units have gone.

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Jüterbog

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14. A train carrying at least fifty guns and a few trucks was observed at Jüterbog Station around 1730 hours on 26 March 1947. It was travelling in a southerly direction.
15. The guns had a middle-sized barrel and a double recoil mechanism ("Mittellanges Rohr und doppelte Bremsvorrichtung") with a caliber between 150mm and 210mm.
16. The trucks carried as a tactical sign, painted in white:

crossed gun barrels with some Cyrillic characters underneath.

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